














**MIAMI-DADE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT & THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT PRESENT THE  
2006-2007  
VOLUNTEER WORKDAY CALENDAR**





***Natural Areas... The Way Nature Intended***

Get involved!

**Attention Volunteers!** We need your help to restore Natural Areas in Miami-Dade County! You can get involved by joining one of our workdays scheduled from October through April. Together, we will help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing exotic vegetation, restoring native vegetation, enhancing trails, and conducting clean-up activities. Volunteers are taught to identify various invasive non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of the local habitats and rare ecosystems unique to South Florida. Now more than ever, The Parks & Recreation Natural Areas Management Division and the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program need your support to restore and maintain our natural areas. With your help we can accomplish this important task!

Sat 10/14/06 8:45AM-12PM	 <b>Rockdale Pineland</b>	SW 144 <sup>th</sup> Street & SW 92 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue
Sat 11/04/06 8:45AM-12PM	<b>Hattie Bauer Hammock</b>  (formerly Orchid Jungle) 	26715 SW 157 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Sat 11/18/06 7:00AM-10AM	 <b>Ludlam Pineland</b>	SW 148 <sup>th</sup> Street & SW 67 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Sat 01/20/07 8:45AM-12PM	<b>Kendall Indian Hammocks</b> 	11345 SW 79 Street
Sat 01/27/07 8:45AM-12PM	 <b>Deering Estate</b>	16701 SW 72 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue
Sat 02/10/07 8:45AM-12PM	<b>Kendall Indian Hammocks</b> 	11345 SW 79 Street
Sat 02/24/07 8:45AM-12PM	 <b>Florida City Pineland</b>	SW 345 Street and 184 Avenue (Florida City - SW 1 <sup>st</sup> St. & 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.)
Sat 03/10/07 8:45AM-12PM	<b>Kendall Indian Hammocks</b> 	11345 SW 79 Street
Fri 03/16/07 8:45AM-12PM	 <b>Camp Matecumbe Pineland</b>	11400 SW 137 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (Entrance on 120 <sup>th</sup> Street)
Sat 04/14/07 8:45AM-12PM	<b>Kendall Indian Hammocks</b> 	11345 SW 79 Street
Sat 04/14/07 8:45AM-12PM	<b>Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day</b>	Various locations – call 305-372-6628
Sat 04/28/07 8:45AM-1PM	 <b>Camp Matecumbe Pineland &amp; Volunteer Appreciation Awards Lunch</b>	11400 SW 137 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (Entrance on 120 <sup>th</sup> Street)

Parks site – Spudbuster event  EEL site 

Please call **(305)257-0933** for further information or visit our web site at <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/preservation.asp> or [www.miamidade.gov](http://www.miamidade.gov).

*All participants are required to complete a release form prior to participation. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian. No children under 15 may be left unattended. Groups of 20 or more are requested to pre-register by calling (305) 257-0933 ext 227.*



**Additional background information:**

Natural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater wetlands, and mangrove forests that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped or protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and a resource to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out native plants, including rare species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats. Through these workdays, volunteers contribute toward the restoration of these unique plant communities.

**Volunteer Workday Guidelines:**

- Registration starts at **8:45**. Workdays begin promptly at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM.
- Be prepared to work outside. Drink plenty of fluids during the day!
- **Closed-toe shoes are required and long sleeve shirts and long pants are highly recommended.**
- A hat, sun block, and insect repellent are also recommended.
- Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions and warnings (such as how to avoid poison ivy and poison wood).
- Please, do not bring small children or pets along on workdays.
- Do not bring machetes, chain saws, line trimmers, or other motorized equipment.
- Smoking and littering are not permitted.
- Inform staff about concerns, unusual findings, strange debris or occurrences.

**Remember...Safety First!**

*Miami-Dade Parks provides quality and diverse recreational experiences for persons with disabilities. Call (305) 755-7848 (V/TDD) to request materials in accessible format, a sign language interpreter and for information on access for persons with disabilities.*